



# Foreign Affairs Manual

## 12 FAM — Diplomatic Security

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## 12 FAM 030 ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

### Changes

1. **12 FAM 030, Accountability Review Board (ARB):** Major updates to the policy include:
  - **12 FAM 032.1, ARB Permanent Coordinating Committee (ARB/PCC), paragraph d:** Members of the ARB/PCC must have the appropriate and necessary security clearances from the Department of State and, as necessary, from other departments and agencies before being granted access to classified information;
  - **12 FAM 033.1, Convening a Board, subparagraph d(3):** Pursuant to Public Law 109-140 and Public Law 111-117, the Secretary of State is not required to convene a Board in the case of an incident involving serious injury, loss of life, or significant destruction of property at or related to a U.S. Government mission in Afghanistan or Iraq and which occurs in the period beginning on October 1, 2005 and ending on September 30, 2010. In the case of such an incident, the Secretary of State will promptly notify the House Committee on International Relations and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, conduct an inquiry of the incident, and submit to each such Committee a report on the findings and recommendations related to the inquiry and the actions taken with respect to such recommendations. Therefore, while the Secretary may decide to convene a Board in the case of such an incident, he or she also has the option of conducting a different type of inquiry;
  - **12 FAM 034.2-1, Investigations, paragraph c:** The Department will notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Counterterrorism of any decision by the Secretary to convene an Accountability Review Board shortly after such a decision is made; and

- **12 FAM 036.3, Reports to Congress, paragraph a:** The Secretary will, not later than 90 days after the receipt of a Board's program recommendations, submit a report to the Congress on each such recommendation and the action taken or intended to be taken with respect to that recommendation.
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